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Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: MB Docket No. 14-57**

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Throughout my tenure as an elected official in Pennsylvania - two terms as Mayor of Steelton and now in my third term as Dauphin County Commissioner - I've been privileged to partner with Comcast on many fronts to make Central Pennsylvania a better place to live. As lead commissioner for our county's Human Service agencies, Comcast has been a tremendous partner in our work to level the playing field for the economically disadvantaged. Hundreds of Dauphin County families most in need now have affordable home-based access to the riches of the web through the Internet Essentials program.

In Harrisburg, I was pleased to take part in the recent opening ceremonies of a new Comcast customer support center which created more than 600 new jobs. Harrisburg is an ethnically diverse city and it is gratifying to know that Comcast practices inclusive hiring policies that make it an employer of choice for minorities and persons with disabilities, as well as for veterans and women. These workers are provided with health care benefits - so crucial in today's economic environment - and tuition assistance, which is enhancing the education of our county residents.

And I give Comcast highest marks for engendering a spirit of community involvement among their employees - not only on Comcast Cares Day, but every day of the year as individuals who are encouraged to get involved and make their home communities better places to live.

Counties rely on good corporate citizens like Comcast. Should the Comcast-Time Warner transaction receive the necessary approvals, my counterparts throughout the United States will soon learn what my Pennsylvania colleagues already know - that Comcast is more than an excellent telecommunications provider, but also a company that knows the importance of partnership to make our communities more vibrant and better positioned for excellence.

Please consider my unqualified support for the proposal before you.

Sincerely,

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Dauphin County Commissioner  
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